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DAVE PETTINATO (11) runs around blocking provided by John Waller (10) and John Muta (73). Chargers won game. See story this page. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Al)

On the 50-yard line

By JOHN WILCHA

The 1981 NFL season opened this past Friday, two weeks later than last year's start. The champion won't be crowned until Jan. 1.

Most local fans follow the Steelers or 49ers because they are local teams or the 49ers, because they have a winning record and the Steelers, because they have a winning record and the Steelers, because they have a winning record.

The New York Jets' Mike O'Koren, who has family in the area, vacationed a week at Elk Lake this past summer. He did some shopping in Carbondale while in the area.

Did you hear on national TV recently that John Schumacher named his dog Conk after Larry Conk? My dog's name is Conk. He even has 66 painted on the sides of his doghouse. Who's your class, coach?

In case you didn't know it, Gary Peterson is an Eagle fan.

A former Penn State football player who transferred to Temple, was arrested in a downtown Cincinnati department store before the Temple-Cincinnati game a few Saturdays ago.

Leo McClelland was picked up for allegedly stealing a man's \$450 overcoat.

One-time Phillies catcher Bob Uecker has a record for any baseball player to beat. He has appeared on the "Tonight Show" 51 times.

Add Joe Ambrose, Sr., of Waymart, on the list of bowlers with a 300 game. Joe was the first person ever to bowl a perfect game at Wallenpaupack Lakes, Hawley.

In 1918, Pitt, coached by legendary Pop Warner, faced Georgia Tech, coached by legendary John Heisman, the man the trophy is named after.

A ballgame at Pittsburgh's Forbes Field, the teams retired to locker rooms separated only by a thin wall.

Heisman, famous for his inspirational

oratory, lunched into a loud spellbinder. Warner instructed his players to put their arms against the wall and listen. When Heisman finished, Warner told his team, "OK, boys, you heard that. Go get 'em!"

Ross Dille, proud of his Dodgers who beat up on the Yankees in the World Series.

The Picks

Philadelphia — 21

St. Louis — 14

New York Giants — 24

Second time these two teams played this year, Green Bay won first one, but the Packers are an improved team this time around.

Pittsburgh — 28

Seattle — 3

Penn State — 28

N. Carolina St. — 14

This game is in North Carolina, but it doesn't matter.

Pitt — 35

Mid-Valley — 12

Carbondale Area — 20

Home — 11

Should be a real barn burner. Two teams who have had some exciting games over the years.

Lakeland — 32

Mid-Valley — 6

Chiefs score big.

Chargers blank O'Hara Saturday afternoon

The Carbondale Area Chargers upped their Suburban Conference record to 6-2 with a 14-0 win over Bishop O'Hara Saturday at Carbondale.

Dave Pettinato went over the 1,000-yard mark during Saturday's game. For the afternoon he ran the ball 96 yards on 32 carries. His total for the season stands at 1,003 yards.

Neither team scored in the first quarter. Pettinato got the Chargers on the scoreboard in the second quarter when he carried the ball over from the one and then added the extra point via a kick.

That gave the home team a 7-0 lead which they took into the locker room at halftime. Coming back out for the third quarter,

neither team scored again.

But the fourth and final period saw the Chargers put together a 63-yard, eight-play drive which John Waller capped with a 21-yard run.

This time the kick failed, but that was all the scoring the Chargers needed to defeat the O'Hara team.

Fifth quarter notes: Chargers had the total yardage edge with 194 yards on the O'Hara team.

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Wildcats lose 43-8

The Western Wayne Wildcats lost to Susquehanna 43-8 Saturday at Varden.

The Wildcats could only muster a final period touchdown off the Suburban Conference sidelines in a game which saw Susquehanna score all but two of its points in the first quarter.

The loss dropped Western Wayne's conference record to 4-4 this season.

The Wildcats scored in the final period when Bob Lamberton carried the ball over from the one-yard line. Doug Moyle added the extra two points on a run.

Western Wayne had 97 yards in the air Saturday afternoon but to fight for Susquehanna.

Wildcats travel to Bishop O'Hara for Saturday afternoon game this week.

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CARBONDALE AREA Charterettes field hockey team members pose for Mirror photographer. In front row, arc, from left: Bridget Venohs, Mary Kull, Laurie Abraham, cocaptain, Michele Casey, cocaptain, Michele Gogazly, cocaptain, Cathy Henning, Tammy Conklin. Second row, same order, arc Karen Kellher, Bonnie Moore, Diane Evans, Gina Craparo, Amy Spivack, Betsy Karbowski, Ann Marie Kluck, Kelly Tierney. Third row, usual order, arc Bill Brown, Christine Fortner, Mary Jo Cortino, Kathy Scavo, Steph Galko, Jean Alampi, Maureen Moffitt, Lynn VanNort. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Al)

Area trapper calls fox 'the smartest animal'

To Jeff Wallis, former Carbondale area resident in Dandridge, the red fox is the "smartest animal in North America."

Jeff Wallis, who says he has been trapping foxes for about 10 years, says he has seen them in the area for about 10 years.

Wallis began trapping when he was 12, but he didn't start trapping until he was about 19. A friend of his got him interested in muskrat trapping.

Why muskrat trapping?

Because they're easy trapping.

He then began reading up on the sport and heard and read that "fox were the smartest" in trapping because they are the hardest to trap.

Noting for two years

Taking up fox trapping was easier and than done.

For the first two years he trapped with getting one.

Then about four or five years ago he started getting them.

There is a big price on fox. Wallis told the Carbondale Mirror Red foxes between \$50 and \$70 each and gray fox between \$55 and \$60.

That big price brings in many trappers who only do it a few weeks a year for the money — or the anticipated big money — he explained.

Since the red fox is, he considers, the smartest animal in North America, they are not easy game to trap.

And trappers who don't take the proper precautions in trapping the animal may actually educate the fox.

Those proper precautions include holding

the trap in the tree back, solution to remove the human scent and to put on a natural scent.

Then the trap has to be set to catch the fox. The trap can't be set to catch the fox. The trap can't be set to catch the fox. The trap can't be set to catch the fox.

Wallis explained that he can't touch his knees to the ground in brush against the surrounding landscape. The fox can see him.

In other words, to catch a fox is a real accomplishment.

The fox is not the only animal Wallis traps. He also goes for raccoon, muskrat, beaver, and mink.

Wallis told the MIRROR that there are many people who don't agree with him when he explains and because of this, they're dying senselessly — often from diseases under strict guidelines established by the State Game Commission.

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